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Acid by Amplification of Nucleotide  
Sequences Which Code for Ketopantoate  
Reductase**

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**Information Disclosure Statement**

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Submitted herewith is a listing of documents known to Applicants and/or their attorney in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed. Also enclosed is a copy of the European Search Report for EP 99 11 8670 dated July 4, 2001.

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